

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren and Angel attending. Others attending were Chief Webber; Chief Beloit; Comm. Gray; Supt. Givens; Joe Dickman; Phyllis Ripplemeier - Posey County Humane Society; and Jamie Grabert - Posey County News.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Councilman Angel moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit reported receiving a letter of resignation from Tony Alldredge from his position of Sergeant, effective June 1, 2005. He added the resignation is due to his wife expecting another baby and he does not feel he can dedicate the time that is involved in that position. He will remain on the force as patrolman.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Gray reported the paving has started and he is sorry for any inconvenience it may be causing. He further stated the department needs to repaint the yellow lines on Main Street as well as Grant, for the truck problem on that street. He added the striping he currently has is great for parking lots, etc., but not very good for streets, making a straight line with it is extremely difficult. He stated he has a quote from NES Traffic & Safety for them to do the work, at a cost of \$1,412.00.

Mayor Knowles asked if he has the money in his budget for that ?

Comm. Gray replied yes, he can pay it.

Councilwoman Askren asked if the company will need a bond for this work ?

Comm. Gray replied he would not think so, not for that dollar amount.

Councilwoman Askren moved Comm. Gray be permitted to get NES to do the striping of Main and Grant Streets, for \$1,412.00. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Gray furthered his report by stating the company that provides the salt for the streets in the winter has asked for a commitment for 2006. He added North American Salt is the only salt supplier, by the way.

Mayor Knowles asked if the quote was reasonable ?

Comm. Gray replied \$45.23 per ton delivered, and he needs to reserve 130 tons. He stated he did not use much last year due to only having one big snow, the rest of the time, he used the brine system. He added the company stores the salt until he calls to ask for a delivery. He also stated that salt was hard to get last year.

Mayor Knowles wondered if he could estimate what he might need since he still has a barn full.

Comm. Gray asked if 2/3 would be alright ?

Mayor Knowles stated that would be fine with her. She then moved Comm. Gray be permitted to put 2/3 of his salt commitment on reserve from North American Salt. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Gray concluded his report by adding the boat dock is back from J & J Welding, after being repaired, it needs a coat of paint, but it is in.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mr. Dickman stated he really has no report, they are getting bids on sludge pumps, and that is about it.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated as he reported at the council meeting, some streets in town are caving in. One he stated is W. 2nd Street in front of the Street Department. He stated they have had this same problem here for a few years and nothing they try seems to take care of it.

He added that TMI put a metal grate over the hole and moved the barricade, but TMI is also wanting to come in next week and dig it out. He also stated he does not want to fill with fillable flow (?flowable fill?), that is not a permanent fix. He added the other area that is caving in is in front of the Water Works, he believes that may actually be a sewer line as it is in line with the sewer line itself.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated Supt. Tate is not present.

Chief Webber stated he will start with the bad new first, the generator in Engine 4 went out, and he is getting bids on getting that replaced. He continued by stating Farm Bureau Co-Op is wanting to send one of the fireman to Texas A & M to a fire school. He added the added city would be charged for the room and the flight (around \$953.00), and the Co-Op would pay for the class.

Councilwoman Askren asked who he is sending ?

Chief Webber replied he is not sure yet, he feels the only fair thing is to draw a name out of a hat. He then stated he is going to try to get into a class II certification, he feels that would be the best for the guys.

Mayor Knowles agreed the better trained they are, the better for everyone.

Councilman Angel moved Chief Webber be permitted to send one firefighter to Texas A&M for training, with city paying hotel and flight. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Webber continued his report by stating at the last meeting Asst. Chief Reese presented bids for new pagers, they went with the lowest bid. He added he then called the firm to place the order and found out the pager bid was a single frequency pager, they can not operate on that. He stated the new cost for what they need is \$500 per pager. He also stated they are having problems with the radios in the trucks not being able to pick up. He added Tri-State Communications has been the best for their pagers, over JES, they have just had better success with them.

Mayor Knowles asked the price difference ?

Chief Webber replied \$35.00 difference, which is minimal really. He added he would prefer to stay with Tri-State on everything that the department does.

Mayor Knowles agreed, but added he still needs to get three quotes on everything .

Chief Webber agreed.

Mayor Knowles then moved Chief Webber be permitted to go with Tri-State

Communications instead of JES, per the last meeting, for the new pagers. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Webber further stated the ice machine in the bay area is on the blink. He added he has had Shephard Services try to work on it, but they can not get it fixed either and the warranty is out. He also stated that if they do replace it, he needs to find a different place to put it, as the weather and humidity in the garage more than likely affected it. He added he would like to get quotes on a new one, though he is aware that will not be cheap. He also stated Kuebler is giving a quote on the furnace upstairs and he would like to get quotes on a heating and air conditioning maintenance programs for a twice a year check up.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Supt. Givens stated he has no question but along the lines of air conditioning, at the last meeting he had mentioned having issues with theirs at the waste water plant. The window unit, he stated, needs a lot of work and is recharged annually, the thermostat is likely out and he was told it is too big of a unit for that room anyway. He then stated the big a/c unit was looked at a second time by a different individual and he actually found nothing wrong with it. He indicated also that no bearings needed to be replaced, as they had thought. He added also that the compressor was not going bad, and fortunately it has not been as hot yet this year as in years past. He added he will just take a chance on what they currently have down there and wait and see what happens.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is Phyllis Ripplemeier.

Ms. Ripplemeier stated she would like to request use of the riverfront on August 20, 2005, for the second annual vigil for homeless animals. She added this will be the 14th year this vigil has been held nationally, and they will have readings, photographs, testimonials, etc. She also stated they will focus on the need for spaying and neutering. She concluded by stating they will clean up when they are done.

Mayor Knowles asked if she will need any streets blocked ?

Ms. Ripplemeier replied no. She also mentioned that she and Comm. Gray had been looking at some kittens today and they do have the distemper that went through the shelter earlier in the year, the virus is now out in the community.

Councilwoman Askren moved permission to use the riverfront be given. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated they may have a conflict with the next meeting, June 9, as she will be on vacation. They decided they would hold the meeting in the Mayor's absence since bids for the fire department pick up are due to be opened that day, as advertised. She then stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Angel moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer